

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~The present invention relates to a~~ A composition comprising:
- (a) 85% to 99% by weight of a resin selected from the group consisting of Ethylene - Vinyl Acetate - Carbon Monoxide; Styrene - Butadiene - Styrene; Styrene - Maleic Anhydride; Styrene - Methyl Methacrylate; Thermoplastic polyurethane; Ethylene - Vinyl Acetate; and Acrylic Rubber; and mixtures thereof;
  - (b) 1% to 15% by weight of a biocide selected from the group consisting essentially of 4,5,-dichloro-2-n-octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one biocide (DCOIT) and 2-n-octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (OIT).
2. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the resin is Ethylene - Vinyl Acetate - Carbon Monoxide and the biocide is 4,5 dichloro-2-n-octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one.
3. (Original) A composition according to Claim 2, wherein the percent by weight of biocide is 10%.
4. (Original) A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria, mold and fungi in a plastic article comprising adding to said plastic article a composition according to Claim 1.